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By Mail and ECF

The Honorable Kiyo A. Matsumoto United States District Court Eastern District of New York 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: United States v. Rodney Watts

Criminal Docket No. 10-627 (S-2) (KAM)

Dear Judge Matsumoto:

The government writes in response to defense counsel's letter of July 1, 2013. Counsel seeks permission to inform the Surrogate's Court of Nassau County of Frank Patello's guilty plea in <u>United States v. Frank Patello</u>, 10 CR 709 (KAM). The government has no objection to this request as the government does not believe that there is anything in the Court's rulings in this case that would prevent defense counsel from informing the Surrogate's Court that Mr. Patello has pleaded guilty. However, defense counsel's letter does not provide a basis to make public any of the documents that the Court has sealed or designated "eyes only," and, accordingly, the government would object to disclosure of those documents.

Sincerely,

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